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SACD News Story:****CES 2004: Fone Comes to CES & Plans U.S. Distribution**

CES 2004: Officials from Italy's Fone Records label were at CES 2004 this year to begin work on bringing the company's Super Audio CD discs to the U.S. market. Fone is known in Europe for their high quality audiophile recordings of classical and jazz music.

They also are said to be the first Italian record company that recorded sessions in Direct Stream Digital (DSD) and released albums in the SACD format. But their SACDs are available primarily via European Web Sites to audiophile fans outside of Europe.

At the show, I had a chance to meet with Giulio Cesare Ricci, the label's energetic founder and president and Jacopo Massimiliano Diaco, Fone's International Marketing Director. Ricci will be a familiar face to those of you who have Fone's printed catalog as it is his face that is on the cover.

It Is Time

When asked about Fone's plans to bring their discs to the American market, Ricci simply replied "It is time". To that end, Ricci and Diaco spent time at the show meeting with some of the key audiophile distributors and web sites in the high end disc market including Acoustic Sounds, Elusive Disc and Music Direct. They also shared a booth at the show with several Italian audiophile firms where one could hear some of their albums played back on a high end CD player.

A Look at the Fone Releases

Ricci told me that Fone has been around for 20 years and has released over 300 classical and jazz CDs in Italy and Europe. In the Super Audio CD market, they have over 30 titles in their catalog. Of the discs in the SACD catalog, Ricci says that 70% of them are sourced from original DSD recordings.

Some of the newer SACD releases that they were highlighting at the show included:

- Piazzolla: Oblivion - S. Accardo, Violinist & Conductor, Orchestra da Camera Italiana (*Fone SACD 019*)
- Piazzolla: Adios Nonino - S. Accardo, Violinist & Conductor, Orchestra da Camera Italiana (*Fone SACD 020*)
- Piazzolla: Le Grand Tango - S. Accardo, Violinist & Conductor, Orchestra da Camera Italiana (*Fone SACD 021*)
- Flotow: Alessandro Stradella - D. Callegari, Conductor, National Philharmonic Orchestra of Belarus (*Fone SACD 2SACD 022*)
- Massenet: Sapho - J.L. Tinguad, Conductor, National Philharmonic Orchestra of Belarus (*Fone SACD 2SACD 023*)
- Dvorak: Jakobin - A. Voloschuk, Conductor, National Philharmonic Orchestra of Belarus (*Fone SACD 2SACD 024*)

Plans for the Future

Going forward, Ricci has several key directions he plans to explore. They include issuing all new Fone Records albums as Single Inventory, Hybrid Layer Super Audio CDs as well as on vinyl LP. To this end, he plans to emulate the model used by the Eighty Eight's label in Japan where they record all of their sessions in both Direct Stream Digital (DSD) and Analog so that they have a DSD master tape for the SACD release and an analog master tape for the Vinyl LP edition.

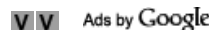
A Reissue Series for CD Releases?

Ricci also told me that he is considering reissuing some of the label's classical and jazz CD catalog on Super Audio CD as well. He said that he has received requests from fans of the Fone catalog to do this and it may indeed happen in the "near future".

It was enjoyable meeting the folks from Fone. It's always nice to see yet another audiophile label in Europe make its way to the U.S. market. We'll keep an eye out for new releases and more news on their American distribution plans in the weeks ahead.

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Fone Founder and President Giulio Cesare Ricci (Left) and International Marketing Director Jacopo Massimiliano Diaco (Right) outside their booth at CES 2004

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